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## **Reclamation to Conduct Exploratory Drilling at Pueblo Dam: A Summary**

- Pueblo Dam impounds Pueblo Reservoir. The dam has performed very well for 30 years and is safe.
- Reclamation owns, operates, and regularly monitors Pueblo Dam.
- Part of Reclamation's on-going monitoring of the dam includes periodic and detailed inspections
- Detailed inspections can include drill programs and other sampling.
- Drilling and sampling programs allow Reclamation to evaluate information about potential hazards, like floods or earthquakes, in relation to the original dam designs and contemporary construction standards. Data collected during exploration enables Reclamation to assess how the dam would perform in those extreme situations.
- A drilling evaluation will begin at Pueblo Dam's southern earth embankment as soon as early July, 2005
- Crews will drill holes from different locations on the dam in order to collect samples of the dam's embankment and foundation.
- Test pits will also be dug by backhoe downstream of the dam to collect additional samples.
- The samples will be analyzed and enable our engineers to determine what, if any, modernization the dam might require.
- For more information, please contact Kara Lamb, with Reclamation's Eastern Colorado Area Office in Loveland.

